## Finance Committee Special Meeting

Minutes of the November 12, 2014

Dodge County Finance Committee Chairman, Dave Frohling called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 in Room 4A on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Dodge County Administration Building. Chairman Frohling took roll and the following members were present: Frohling, Adelmeyer, Gohr and Uttke. Absent: Schaefer

Also present: County Board Chairman Russ Kottke, Mielke, Kolp, Janet Wimmer, Ken Kamps, Jane Hooper and Lifke.

Julie Kolp, Finance Director certified the public notice given for this meeting complies with the requirements of Wisconsin's open meetings law.

Janet Wimmer, Human Services and Health Director presented a 2014 budget analysis. The information included a breakdown of out-of-home placement data for children and adults from the current year through September. According to Wimmer, out-of-home care costs have the largest impact to the Human Services and Health's (HHS) budget. The four types of out-of-home placement are foster homes, group homes, residential care centers and institutions with residential care centers with institutions being the most costly.

Wimmer continued with a financial review of 2014 and information on HHS's plans for managing departmental budgets. Since March, there has been a number of resource reallocation to improve both financial and operation efficiencies and the results of those reallocations are beginning to provide positive results. Positions were added or reclassified to manage the increasing needs while minimizing the need for more expensive intervention and meet compliance regulations. Another contributing factor to the budget concerns was delayed Medicare/Medicaid billing. To improve department and budget management, fiscal reports will be reorganized to align HHS programs with divisions and allow for more accurate and timely monitoring of the budget status. Along with this process, division managers and supervisors will be retrained on fiscal report analysis and action processes. Lastly, HHS will hold monthly meetings with the County Administrator to review and discuss fiscal operations.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 7:30 a.m. in Room H & I - Auditorium on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Dodge County Administration Building.

With no other business on the agenda, Chairman Frohling declared the meeting adjourned at 8:28 a.m.

Gerald Adelmeyer,

Secretary